

New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Education and Childcare Partner Call

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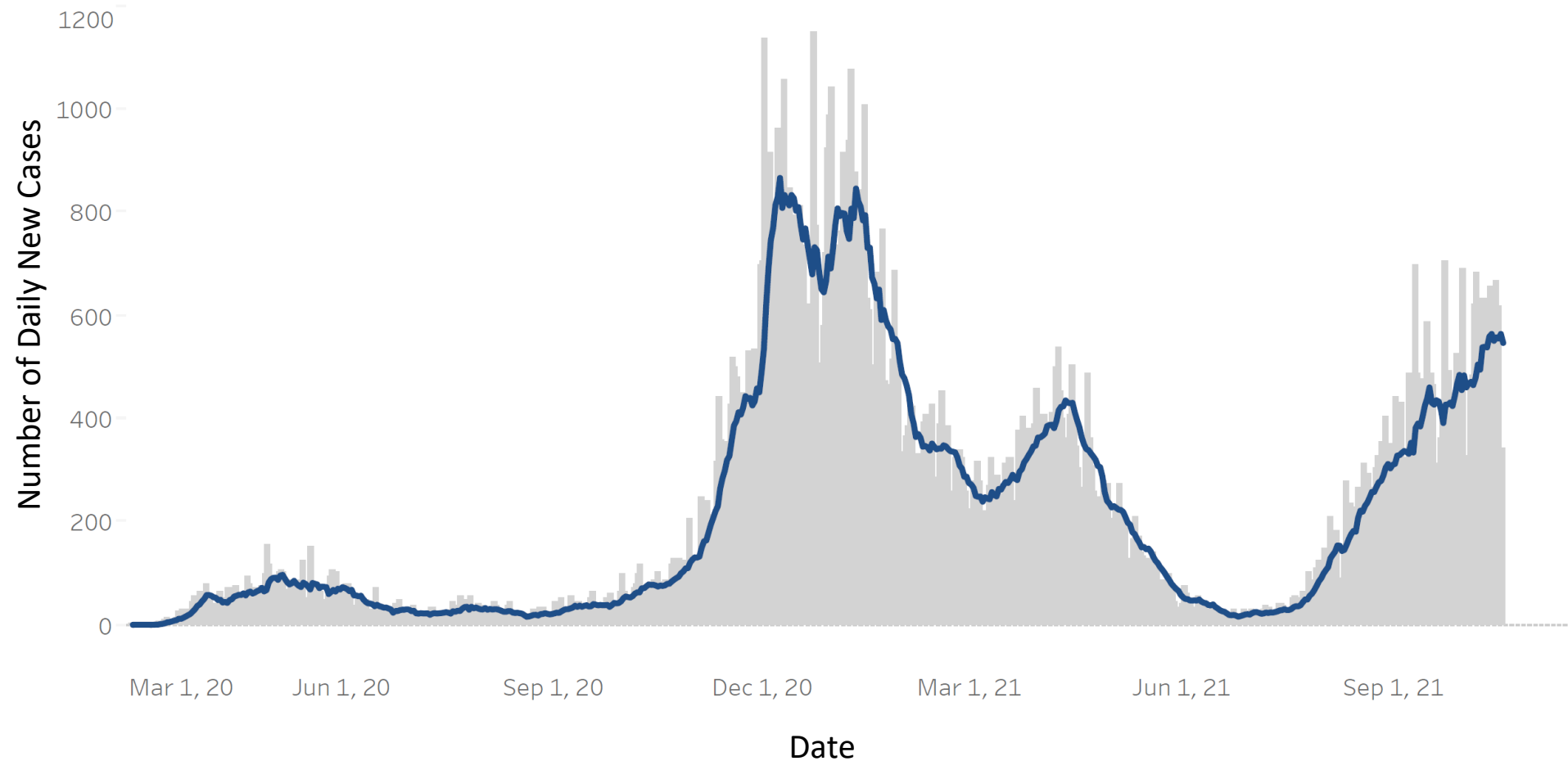
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- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:30-4:30 pm
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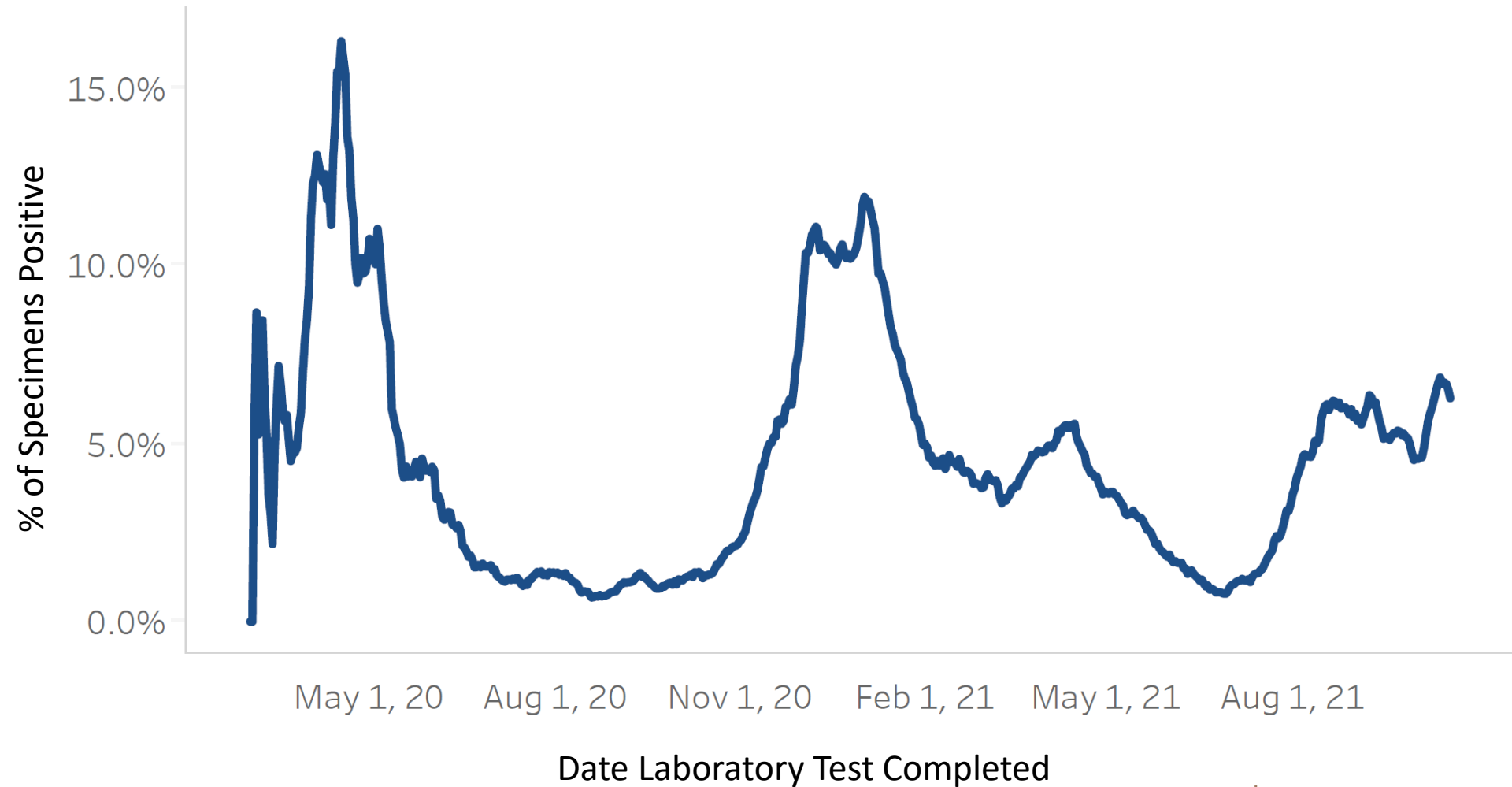
Epidemiology Update

Number of New COVID-19 Cases per Day in NH



<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/overview.htm#dash>

% of Tests (Antigen and PCR) Positive for COVID-19 (7-Day Average)



NH's Community Transmission Metrics

Criteria	Level of Community Transmission		
	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Test Positivity (7-day average)	<5%	5 – 10%	>10%
Rate of New Infections (14-day total rate)	<50	50 – 100	>100

The community transmission level is assigned based on the highest level identified by either one of the criteria

Level of Community Transmission in NH

Statewide
Level of
Transmission
Substantial

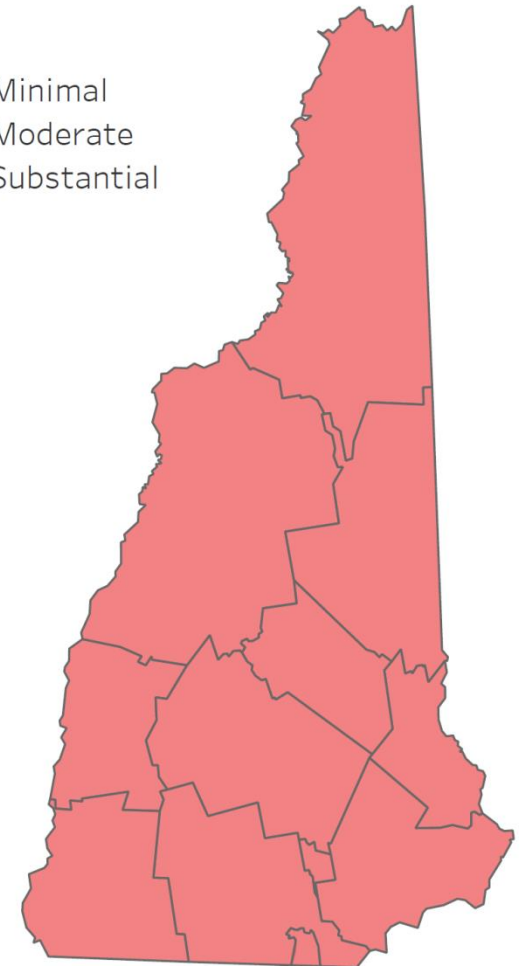
New Cases per 100k
over 14 days

559.2

7-Day Total Test
Positivity Rate

6.3%

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Data as of: 10/19/2021

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Childcare Clusters in NH (July 2021 – Present)

Time Period	Total # Clusters	Total # of Infections Associated with Clusters	Total # of <u>Children</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Total # of <u>Staff</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Average # of Infections per Cluster
July 2021 - Present	34	229	161 (70%)	68 (30%)	6.7

COVID-19 Testing Sites and SASS Updates

COVID-19 Testing Sites

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ClearChoiceMD Testing Locations

- ▶ Manchester – Across the street from the JFK Coliseum @ Hunt Memorial Pool
 - 303 Beach Street, Manchester
- ▶ Claremont – River Valley Community College
 - 1 College Place, Claremont
- ▶ Newington – Fox Run Mall
 - 50 Fox Run Rd, Newington
- ▶ Nashua – St. Joseph's Hospital parking lot
 - 261 Lake St, Nashua

Operational Overview

- ▶ Hours of operation
 - 7 days/week
- ▶ No appointment required
- ▶ No cost to the patient
- ▶ Drive-up and pedestrian traffic accommodated
 - Manchester is pedestrian traffic only
- ▶ Testing
 - PCR testing
 - Asymptomatic & symptomatic individuals
- ▶ Over-the-phone interpretation and video-remote interpretation services available at all sites

Operational Overview (cont.)

► Results process

- Site staff distributes handouts on the results process at the time the sample is collected
 - QR code connects the individual to the online portal
 - ClearChoiceMD will call individuals who do not have internet access
 - Results typically available in 48 hours

► Customer Service

- ClearChoiceMD has a call center open 7 days a week from 8am – 8pm
- Additional information is available here:
 - <https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing>
 - ClearChoiceMD Call Center: (603) 457-7792

SASS Updates

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Symptomatic testing via SASS

- ▶ SASS is an asymptomatic surveillance testing program
 - The federal grant funding the program does not provide for reimbursement for symptomatic testing except in very limited circumstance:
 - Should a staff member or student become symptomatic during the course of a school day (i.e. show up in the morning healthy and begin experiencing symptoms while onsite), they can be provisioned a test (either antigen or PCR) before being discharged by the nurse/school
- ▶ Participating schools should be very clear in messaging about the program to students, staff, and parents that it is not a solution for testing needs for symptomatic staff and students (or their family members who are not eligible for any SASS-related testing services)
 - Testing for symptomatic individuals should be pursued through regular channels in the community (PCP, urgent care, etc.)

State antigen test availability

- ▶ BinaxNOW antigen tests are available from the State in very limited quantities due to a national shortage of antigen tests
- ▶ Any school with a CLIA ID can order the tests, provided:
 - They are enrolled in SASS. In this instance, the SASS vendor serves as the medical director for any school enrolled (NOTE: all SASS vendors are contractually obligated to provide medical direction for testing to any school enrolled with them).
 - They are not enrolled in SASS but have their own medical direction to oversee implementation of the use of antigen tests for COVID-19.

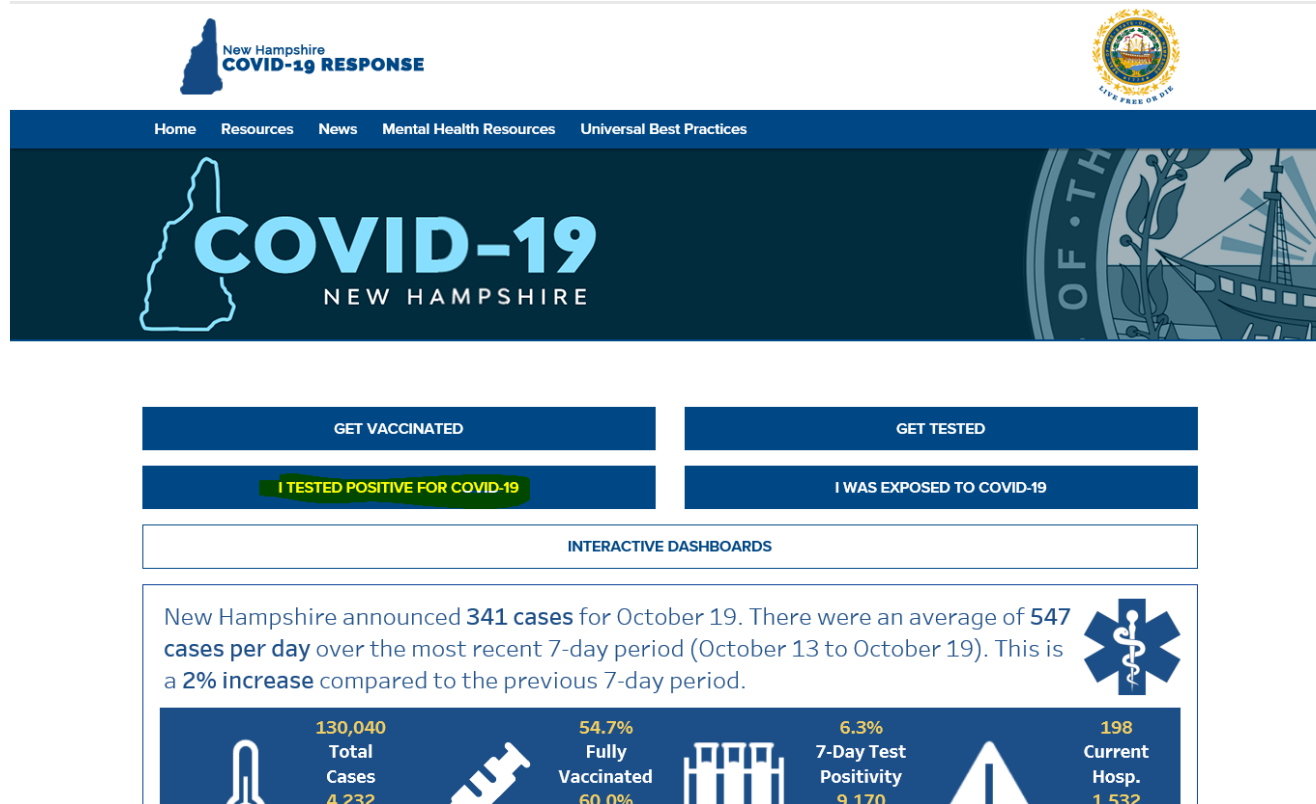
Antigen test use related to pooled testing

- ▶ For schools utilizing pooled testing for asymptomatic screening, BinaxNOW/rapid antigen tests can be used in follow up to a positive pooled test, based on the preference and approval of the participating school:
 - Due to a supply shortage, the State cannot guarantee the availability of antigen tests/resources to meet this need. The SASS vendor must provide rapid antigen tests should the school not have any available via State allocation or other mechanism.
 - In the instance that the vendor cannot supply rapid antigen tests to the school for this purpose, then the vendor must make provisions for PCR testing to be available to the school for follow up testing.
 - PCR testing *may* be pursued as the first alternative following a positive pooled test (rather than antigen testing) at the discretion of the school and in consult with their vendor.

Communication and Information Sharing

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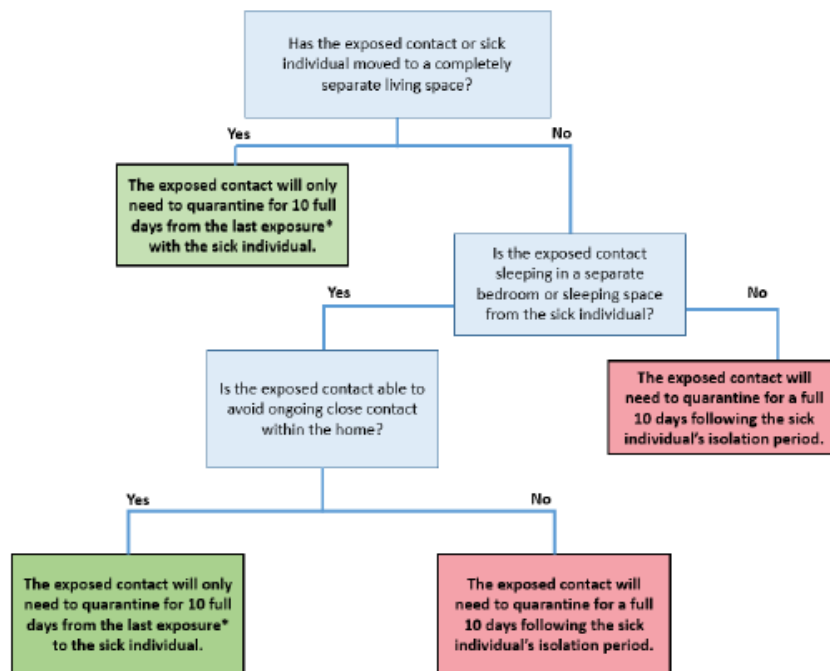
- Positive case and household Isolation
- Support for families looking to isolate the positive case



<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/welcome>

Self-Evaluation for Unvaccinated Household Contacts' Quarantine Timeline

If you are unvaccinated and therefore should quarantine as a result of an exposure (please see [What To Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19](#)), then you may use the evaluation below to determine whether you are able to shorten your quarantine to 10 days from your last exposure to the sick individual. If at any time another individual in the household becomes ill with COVID-19, the quarantine period for the rest of the household will re-start and this protocol can be re-visited. [Follow these instructions](#) for safely caring for someone sick in the home.




*the last day of exposure will be considered day 0, quarantine will begin the next day (day 1).

Note that shared bathrooms are a significant risk factor for spread of COVID-19. If the patient is not able to use a separate bathroom from others in the household, the bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between each use. Instructions for cleaning and disinfecting the home can be found [here](#).

Calculating Quarantine for unvaccinated people if you are able to separate in the household.



Vaccinated household contacts do not have to quarantine.




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  Person develops symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 and separates from unvaccinated household members*	9 Covid-19 positive person isolates -DAY 1-	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Unvaccinated household members quarantine	17	18 Last day of isolation for COVID-19 positive person -DAY 10-	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Last day of quarantine for household members	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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 Covid-19 Positive Person's Isolation
 Household Member's Quarantine

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14	15	16	17	18 Last day of Isolation for COVID-19 positive person -DAY 10- Unvaccinated household members continue to quarantine	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Last day of quarantine for unvaccinated household members -DAY 20-	29	30	31			

CDC Household Isolation Care Recommendations

- Age of case affects whether possible
- Refer to PCP for support
- Caring for the person who is sick
- Person who is sick use separate bedroom and bathroom
- Eat in separate rooms or areas
- Avoid sharing items
- When to wear a mask or gloves
- Cleaning and disinfecting

What to do if you are exposed to COVID-19

- [Self-Quarantine Guide for Unvaccinated Household Contacts](#)
 - Household contact- any individual who lives and sleeps in the same indoor space as another person diagnosed with COVID-19 (either temporary or permanent living arrangement), leading to close contact and potential repeated exposure to the person with COVID-19. This includes situations where there may be temporary but prolonged exposure such as occurs with sleep-over events, shared camp cabins, vacation rentals, etc.
- Stay home (quarantine) for 10 days from last exposure
- Get tested 5-7 days *after last exposure* to a person with COVID-19
- Monitor for symptoms
- Isolate and seek testing if symptoms develop

- [Self Observation Guide for individuals exposed, but not required to quarantine](#)
- Those who are fully vaccinated or within 90 days of testing positive for COVID-19
- Do not need to quarantine
- Monitor for symptoms
- Get tested by PCR on days 5-7 after exposure
- Wear a facemask in public places for 14 days or until receive negative result
- Develop symptoms? Exclude to isolate and seek testing

COVID-19 Operations Center Phone Prompts

603-271-4496

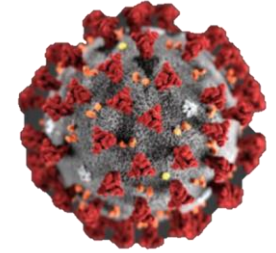
1. For general questions regarding COVID-19, including inquiries from parents of New Hampshire students, press 1.
2. If you are calling to report a case, press 2.
3. If you are calling from a school and are looking to speak to the COVID-19 Education Liaison to discuss recommendations, press 3.
4. If you are calling from a Congregate type setting such as a child care, Healthcare facility or Business, press 4.
5. To hear the menu options again press 9.

Comments from Others

Q&A

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